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TO: NSC - Robert M. Kimmitt
FROM: T - William Schneider W3
SUBJECT: Department of State Position on the Space Station
REF: NSC Memorandum, August 4, 1983

1. As stated during the SIG(Space) meeting on August 10, 1983 the Department strongly supports Option 3 which defers any commitments whatsoever pending additional definition of requirements, costs, and risks and requires that any decision be put in context with other major new space-related activities. In addition, a study must be undertaken to form a basis for a decision on whether the U.S. should invite foreign participation in a manned space station program and if so, from whom and to what extent. Furthermore, analysis of alternatives to a permanently manned civil space station to satisfy goals and objectives of U.S. National Space Policy must be accomplished and considered in the context of other major new space related activities, civil and military. These additional efforts must be completed and results included in any Presidential decision document. Considering the above comments, the extent of the additional studies which are necessary, and the required inter-agency review, submission of a Presidential decision document on space station should be deferred to the FY 86 budget cycle time frame.

2. It is requested that a summary of the August 10, 1983 SIG(Space) meeting be provided to the members along with an indication of planned near-term actions on the subject. It is further requested that the summary be provided in draft form for member's review and comment prior to being signed as a final representation of agency positions taken at the meeting.

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